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SUBJECT:US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN GUINEA-BISSAU

1. THIS TELEGRAM TRANSMITS A STATEMENT OF US FOREIGN
POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN GUINEA-BISSAU. A SEPARATE
MESSAGE WILL PROVIDE EXPLANATORY INFORMATION ON THE
PURPOSE, IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW OF THESE STATEMENTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

I. EXPANDED UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. POLICIES AND
REDUCTION OF ANTI-U.S. FEELING.

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-- DEVELOP CONTACTS AND WORKING RELATIONS WITH GOGB
OFFICIALS WITH THE DUAL OBJECTIVES OF WIDENING THEIR
PERSPECTIVE OF THE WORLD AND OF DISPELLING RESIDUAL ANTI-
AMERICAN ATTITUDES (STEMMING FROM THE INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE).

-- FOCUS ANALYTICAL REPORTING ON INTRA-AFRICAN POLITICAL-
ECONOMIC TIES OF HOST GOVERNMENT AS THEY RELATE TO US

INTERESTS.

-- USE CONTACTS AND WORKING RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT
LEADERS TO ENCOURAGE THE GOGB TO PURSUE TRULY NON-ALIGNED

POLICIES.

-- CREATE SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL
FORA.

-- BUILD AN INFORMATIONAL BASE ON THIS NEW COUNTRY, ITS
INSTITUTIONS (POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, MILITARY), AND THE
POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT.

II. PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

-- ESTABLISH A REGULAR, WORK-A-DAY RELATIONSHIP WITH
THE GOGB ON AID PROGRAMS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE FORWARD
PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE NEW PROGRAMS.

-- ENCOURAGE GOGB PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,
ESPECIALLY ECOWAS.

III. PROMOTION OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS.

-- SLOWLY EXPAND THE EMBASSY'S CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL
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PROGRAMS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF HAVING THEM BECOME AC-
CEPTED AND WELCOME AS PROPER EMBASSY ACTIVITIES.

-- DETERMINE THE POSSIBLE SCOPE AND NEED FOR THE ASSIGN-
MENT OF A USIS OFFICER (POSSIBLY TO COVER BOTH GUINEA-
BISSAU AND CAPE VERDE).

IV. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW EMBASSY BUILDINGS.

-- BUILD THE AUTHORIZED CHANCERY AND STAFF HOUSING. CHRISTOPHER

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